

## HOW DO ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS BECOME A PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN?

### *Need Identified*

A roadway in the community is identified as needing future improvements. Once this need is identified, it can be included in the Comprehensive Plan.

### *Comprehensive Plan (reviewed annually) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)*

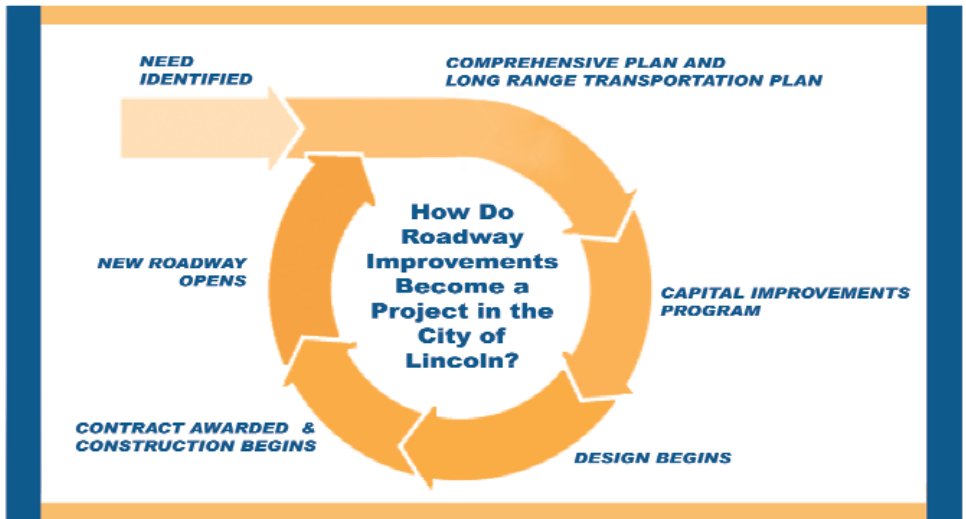
The Comprehensive Plan sets the vision for the future and looks toward the next 25 years. It covers many different areas and one of those areas is Transportation. Creating a new comprehensive plan involves a lot of communication between the City and residents. There are many public meetings and other opportunities to provide input.

The LRTP also addresses a 25-year planning timeframe and is updated every five years. Included in the plan are long-range and short-range strategies for meeting the City's transportation goals. Funding sources are also identified in the LRTP. This is another opportunity for the public to provide feedback regarding future transportation needs.

Both of these plans will be updated in the next year and a half.

### *Capital Improvements Program (CIP)*

The CIP is completed on a yearly basis and the City is currently going through the process for the 2006 funding. This process is where the City looks at project needs and prioritizes them according to available funding. The initial draft of the CIP will be released in early



May followed by a public hearing at the City-County Planning Commission. The City Council will also hold a public hearing and the final CIP will be approved in August. Members of the public are encouraged to provide feedback at the public hearings.

### *Design Begins*

Design of a roadway can take one year or it can take several years. Throughout the design of a project, the public is invited to provide feedback at project open houses. Project websites, surveys and one-on-one stakeholder meetings are often included during the project design.

### *Contract Awarded & Construction Begins*

Following design of a project, a contractor is selected to build the project. During construction information will be provided to stakeholders about access, timing, schedule, and other pertinent information.

### *New Roadway Opens*

Traffic moves more efficiently and the roadway is safer, improving the quality of life for Lincoln residents and enhancing economic development.